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SENATOR FRIST ADDRESS CONFERENCE WITH LATINO CLERGY AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO SUPPORT NOMINATION OF JUDGE ROBERTS

Today I'm here with one message: (I've spent all morning practicing.) Necessitamos John Roberts! America necessita John Roberts!

Last week—we watched Judge Roberts testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. And what we knew all along was confirmed: John Roberts is among the best of the best. He's qualified. He's experienced. He's a brilliant legal mind. He'll work for consensus. He'll respect his colleagues. He'll protect the Constitution. He'll defend our values. As Sandra Day O'Connor summed it up so well: "He's good in every way."

In his opening statement, Judge Roberts said, "Judges are like umpires—they don't make the rules; they apply them." And again, John Roberts confirmed what we knew all along: he has the temperament, the wisdom, the judicial restraint to serve on the highest court in the land. As John Roberts sees it, he's there to call the balls and strikes, not re-write the rules of the game. That's what America wants. That's what America needs.

When federal judges rule that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional, when federal judges prevent students from appreciating the value of freedom and liberty, when federal judges seek to deny that we're one nation under God—America's courtrooms are in need of a change. Americans need a judge to stand up for mainstream America.

Judge Roberts is a mainstream conservative, and he's what mainstream America needs. John Roberts shares our values, and we will defend those values. By preserving America's Constitution, he will fight for our conservative values. He will protect our children and families. Now more than ever, we need to safeguard the institution of marriage from the rule of activist judges. Seated on the highest Court in the land, John Roberts will stand up for the sanctity of marriage.

Judge Roberts will protect our conservative values *because* he'll protect our Constitution—not because he'll bring his personal views to the bench. John Roberts has made it clear that a judge's job is to check his personal beliefs at the door to the courtroom. Judges aren't politicians. They don't make campaign promises. They don't vote along party lines. They interpret the Constitution. And that's exactly what Judge Roberts has promised to do.

John Roberts has **confirmed** our beliefs, our expectations, our hopes for America's next Chief Justice. Now, it's time for America to **confirm** Judge Roberts! And you have my word, in the Senate I'll push to send John Roberts to the bench by October 3rd. John Roberts. Because John Roberts deserves nothing less. And our nation deserves nothing less than John Roberts moving (steering) America forward from the helm of the highest Court in the land.

Senator Bill Frist, MD
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WEEKLY NEWS

The Government Prepares for Hurricane Rita

Thursday, Acting Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, R. David Paulison, announced that emergency resources are being issued to the areas of Texas and Louisiana in the direct path of Hurricane Rita. FEMA will issue equipment and resources as well as institute states of alert in any area that will be directly affected by Rita. Paulison is calling for residents in these areas to prepare with at least 72 hours worth of food and water stockpiled and evacuate immediately if so ordered.

"Federal officials are working very closely with the states of Texas and Louisiana and have commodities, rescue personnel and other assets moving into place today," FEMA Acting Director R. David Paulison. "However, I cannot caution enough the need for individuals to prepare themselves and their families. First responders will not be able to reach impacted areas until the conditions are safe enough to respond."

The Strategic National Stockpile has supplies ready to be shipped to the area and the US Public Health Service has placed its Officer Corps on high alert so that they can be deployed to the region at any given moment.

Disaster Medical Assistance Teams were deployed to the area earlier this week. Additionally, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention stated Thursday that there are currently 30,000 medical professionals undergoing emergency response certifications in preparation for Hurricane Rita and they have assembled 4 teams of 20 staff each to deploy after Rita makes landfall to provide support at shelters, hospitals, and local health departments.

For additional information please visit <http://www.hhs.gov/>.

United States Senate The Week Ahead

The Senate will vote on the confirmation of John Roberts to the Supreme Court of the United States



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